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- On 15 June 1950 CHUNG Ch'ih-pin (鍾赤賓), chief of the Communist Central Aviation Bureau, arrived in Canton with Soviet Air Force adviser Talichev to establish the South China Air Force Supply Branch Depot, which he will head. The office was to have opened on 20 June in the former premises of the Kwangtung Relief Society, Shihpai (113-20, 23-07). It includes sections for ammunition, materials, fuel, repair and personnel.
- It is planned to establish seven sub-offices at a later date in Swatow, Paisha, Sanya (112-09, 21-52), Changsha (112-59, 28-12), Kweilin, Liuchou (109-16, 24-18), and Nanning.
- Nine thousand men of the 158 Division, 51 Army,* with 12 medium tanks, arrived in Canton from the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border.
- As of 16 June four regiments of the 156 Division were stationed in the Canton area as follows: In the city, at Shihpai, in Shaho (113-19, 23-09) and in the northern suburb of Liu Hua Chiao (流花橋).
- On 15 June a shipment of communications equipment from the 43 Army on Hainan arrived in Canton and was stored at Lei Hua Ts'un (梅花村), Tungshan, east of Canton.
- On 16 June Canton authorities employed small steam boats to haul 18 junks, loaded with 170 crates of ammunition, cement, steel rods, rails, iron plates, radio equipment, and 7 x 4.5 inch anti-aircraft guns, to Boca Tigris (113-41, 22-49). Accompanying personnel included ten members of the 2 Company of the Air Force Maintenance Group, Soviet adviser Tubov, Soviet engineer Gulak, and about eight others.

* [REDACTED] Comment. According to information available to this office, the 158 Division is subordinate to the 53 Army; the 51 Army comprises the 151, 152 and 153 Divisions.

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